



Director Charles Ryan Volume 10, Issue 01

ADC float wins 1st Place



From left, back row: CO II Wilson Barnes, CO III Michelle Hanley, RN Shawn Brittain, CO II Douglas Johnson, Sgt. Jay A. Darby and CO II Robin Cronin. From left, Front Row: Sgt. Carlos Torres, CO II David Vallas, CO II Robert Powell, Arizona state Credit Union Board Member and retired Army Lt. Colonel Joseph Smith, CO II Larry Brown, CO III Albert Freudenthal, CO II Andres Perez, Director Charles L. Ryan, Lt. Rodrick Williams and ICC II Virginia Strankman.

The Arizona Department of Corrections entry in the 2009 Veterans Day Parade has once again garnered top honors from the Veterans Affairs Administration. The theme of parade, “Home of the Free, Because of the Brave” inspired the construction of the ADC float, “Courage Remembered,” a rendition of the Iwo Jima Memorial

in Washington, D.C., which recreates one of the most famous incidents of World War II. On Feb. 23, 1945, five United States Marines and one Navy Corpsman raised the American Flag atop of Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima. The event was captured by news-photographer Joe Rosenthal and his Pulitzer Prize winning photograph

became a symbol of the war in the Pacific. While the original memorial took hundreds of tons of bronze and several years to construct, the ADC float was designed and built on a much smaller scale and budget. ICC II Virginia Strankman at Central Office and Work Based Education Construction/Technology Instructor Ray Hixon at

ASPC-Lewis/Barchey Unit came up with the this year’s concept and with the help of the Arizona State Credit Union, who donated the funds to purchase needed materials, the construction of the float was underway. The float is built on an 8X18 foot flatbed trailer. Lewis inmates used 36 sheets of 2 inch styrofoam, 20 sheets of plywood, 35

2X4s, 11 gallons of paint 17 cans of spray paint and about 100 man hours to create a replica of the Iwo Jima Memorial. The inmates, who are students at the WBE Construction Technology class through Rio Salado College, carved, sanded, shaped and painted the styrofoam to depict the raising of the flag

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in just five days.

On the day of the parade, 10 ADC men and women, some wearing the military uniform of the branch of service they honored, joined ADC Director Charles Ryan and Joe Smith, with the Arizona State Credit Union Board of Directors, on the float during the parade. The 2009 VA Veterans Day Parade featured 109 entries and attracted over 200,000 spectators. The event began in 1997 with 50 entries and approximately 10,000 people on the streets.

This year's float won 1st Place recognition

in the parade category Float-Government. Since the Department began participating in the Veterans Day Parade four years ago, ADC floats have earned first place twice, along with a second place ribbon and a third place ribbon. In 2007, the ADC float won the coveted Ben Jefferson Pride Award, which is presented to the parade entry that best exemplifies patriotic spirit, commemoration of our nation's veterans and cooperation during the parade. All five years, the ADC float has been constructed at Lewis Complex.

Clockwise from the top: ASPC-Lewis Barchey inmates created the float out of styrofoam blocks that were glued together, then sanded and shaped to form the famous image. After paint was applied, the figures took on the look of the original memorial in our nation's capitol. Work Based Education Construction-Technology Instructor Ray Hixon guided the inmates during the transformation. The float was towed by the ADC Honor Guard van and was well received by the thousands of parade spectators. On Nov. 19, the ADC float "Courage Remembered" won 1st Place recognition in the parade category Float-Government. Director Charles L. Ryan and Sgt. Carlos Torres received the award from Veterans Administration Medical Center Director Gabriel Perez.



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ADC float wins 1st place in Phoenix Electric Light Parade



The Arizona Department of Corrections award winning entry in the 2009 Veterans Day Parade did not stop at just one parade. The float that depicted the planting of the flag on Iwo Jima returned to ASPC-Lewis/Barchey Unit the day after the parade and began its transformation into a Phoenix Electric Light Parade entry.

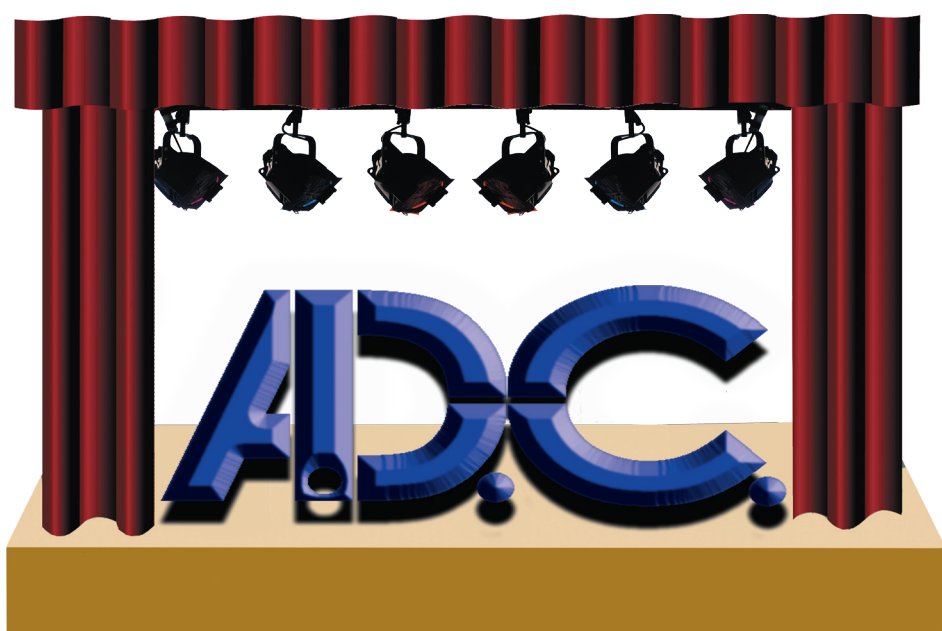
Work Based Education Construction-Technology Instructor Ray Hixon and Sgt. Carlos Torres guided Barchey Unit inmates as they attached nearly 30,000 Christmas lights to the float and the tow vehicle. The inmates also used leftover styrofoam blocks from the float construction to form a nearly 10-foot tall snowman, complete with top hat and scarf that adorned the tow vehicle. Judges

for the parade voted to give the float 1st place in the Bright Light Award – Best Government Entry. In 2008, the ADC won the “APS Award – The Power To Make It Happen” for its entry in the annual Christmas parade.

The ADC would like to recognize the Arizona State Credit Union, whose financial support made this year’s float entry possible. The Department is also grateful to the Tempe Home Depot Ops Assistant Manager Robert Medina for the generous loan of the generator used to power the lights and sound system on the float, as well as Drew Tedford, Southwest Sales Manager with Unique Lighting Systems, who provided the spot and flood lights which illuminated the soldiers raising the American Flag.

Clockwise from above: The float and tow vehicle were adorned with nearly 30,000 Christmas lights. From left: Sgt. Carlos Torres, ICC II Virginia Strankman and CO II Ramon Acosta. Below: The float received an enthusiastic response from the crowds who gathered along the parade route. Below left: Sgt. Torres escorted the float down the 2.5 mile long parade route, while CO II Acosta and ICC II Strankman drove the float tow vehicle.





In the spotlight

ADC officer honored



An Arizona Department of Corrections officer from ASPC-Winslow/Apache Unit was one of nine law enforcement officers honored during the annual "Public Safety Appreciation Night" hosted by Phoenix Elks Lodge #335.

CO II Darrell Craig was chosen to receive recognition for his actions involving a single car accident that happened in 2008. While driving along U.S. 260, Officer Craig was flagged down by a man who had been injured in a single vehicle accident. Officer Craig also discovered an injured woman trapped in the wrecked vehicle in need of medical attention. Craig contacted the Apache County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and then began treating both victims for shock and administered additional

first aid. He continued to provide updates on both patients to the ACSO, while maintaining traction on the trapped woman until paramedics arrived on the scene. Officer Craig is credited with preventing additional injuries to both victims of the accident with his assessment and treatment.

CO II Craig joined the ADC in December of 1999 and has been assigned to ASPC-Winslow/Apache Unit since 2002. Craig is a certified Structural Fire Fighter and in addition to his duties as a Wild Land Fire Crew Supervisor, he is a Self-Defense Instructor and Field Training Officer. He has worked for Volunteer Fire Departments in Concho Valley, Eagar, White Mountain Lakes and as an Engine Boss with Show Low's Volunteer Fire Department.



Clockwise from top photo: Deputy Warden Rick and CO II Darrell Craig. Officer Craig with the eight other officers being honored. Esteemed Leading Knight Jackie Hartman, Exalted Ruler Greg Nieciecki, CO II Craig and DW Rick Sullivan. The plaque that was presented to Officer Craig on Nov. 12 by the Phoenix Elks Lodge.





In the spotlight

35 year pin presented for dedicated service



When Tony Zelenak joined the ranks of the ADC in 1975, little did he know that it would become a career that would span over 35 years. Zelenak works as the lead project manager for the Engineering and Facilities Bureau and says for now he has no plans for retirement. Zelenak was instrumental in helping design and build the current Arizona State Prison Complex system, which has influenced new prison construction nationwide.

ADC employee gets Congressional recognition



On Nov. 20, Time Comp Specialist Manuel Machiche was presented with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition at the annual Latinos Who Serve event hosted by "Latino Perspectives" magazine. In addition to the event an article was written in the magazine paying tribute to Machiche's service to the state and to the Arizona Department of Corrections over the last three decades, including 20 years as a Correctional Officer.

ADC Service Dog Program receives \$42,000 donation from 100 Club of Arizona

The Arizona Department of Corrections Service Dog program has been able to acquire some much needed equipment thanks to a sizeable grant. In 2009, the 100 Club of Arizona awarded the ADC \$42,000 through their Safety Enhancement Stipend (SES) program. The SES awards money to public safety agencies to purchase equipment, training and programs that directly enhance the safety of their officers or firefighters. Since 1968, the 100 Club has awarded over \$530,000 in Safety Enhancement Stipends to public safety agencies across Arizona.

Ralph Pendergast, who

is in charge of the ADC Service Dog program, says the money has been used to purchase a number of items, including vehicle heat warning alarms, K-9 first aid kits, vehicle ramps for injured dogs, training collars, personal protection training equipment and "bite sleeves" for staff and the dog handlers, non spill water bowls for the Service Dog vehicles and even some reward toys for the dogs.

Pendergast says, "Currently we have 53 dual-purpose dogs, five cell phone detection only dogs and 22 chase/trailing hounds. There are 55 handlers state wide working our nationally certified working service dogs."



Ralph Pendergast and retired ADC Sgt. (now a full time K-9 trainer) Kenny Vance were interviewed in early December by local news radio station KTAR about how the money from the 100 Club of Arizona will be used.



ADC joins Shop with a cop



The 7th Annual Shop with a Cop event, sponsored by the Police Officers of Scottsdale Association, took place on Dec. 19. This year Kimberly Pena, Senior Community Corrections Officer with the Interstate Compact Unit and Carole Allen, Parole Supervisor, Community Corrections Northeast Parole Office joined with officers from the U.S. Marshalls Office, DPS, Arizona Probation Officers Association, GIITEM Task Force, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Tempe, Salt River and Scottsdale Police Departments to escort over 200 Valley kids through a Scottsdale

Target store to purchase Christmas gifts for the child and their family.

The event started early Saturday morning with breakfast for the kids and participating law enforcement agents at the Scottsdale Senior Center on Granite Reef. This gave the officers an opportunity to get to know the children and hear their stories.

After breakfast, the children were taken, via police escort, to the Target store that was hosting the event. There they were paired with an officer, armed with a calculator, and a \$150 Target gift card to spend on themselves and their family



Clockwise from top: Kimberly Pena and Carole Allen get ready to be Santas helpers. Allen meets with the children before the shopping spree. Allen helps her child pick out some clothing. Pena and the two girls she was paired with get ready to do some shopping. Volunteers and their kids who finished their Christmas shopping waiting to get checked out before heading outside for hot coco.





CENTRAL OFFICE

H1N1 shots are now available for ADC employees around Arizona. On Dec. 17 and 21, the first shot clinics offered at the Central Office complex had hundreds of employees lining up for both the regular flu shots and the H1N1 variation.

The H1N1 flu vaccine is also available without restrictions in all Arizona counties. State of Arizona employees and Benefit Options members can receive a free H1N1 flu shot at Healthwaves' public clinics. The Healthwaves public clinic schedule can be found online at www.healthwaves.com and H1N1 locations are noted in red.

Starting Jan. 4 the H1N1 flu vaccine clinics will also be held at State worksites. Benefit Options Wellness will be organizing a schedule with large



No pain, no gain! Barry Keith, Safety Manager for Support Services, shows that getting a flu shot is nothing to be unhappy about.

centralized locations where many agencies can be served.

Once the schedule of work site clinics is completed, it will be posted on

the Benefit Options Wellness website at www.benefitoptions.az.gov/wellness.

If you have any questions or need more information you should call OHN Judi Parker ASPC Phoenix/Central Office at 602-685-3100 Ext 3012.

DOUGLAS

On Dec. 23, some cold weather brought snow to the normally arid desert in Southeast Arizona. While the snow was melted by the end of the day, for a while it started to feel a lot like Christmas at ASPC-Douglas. *Photos by AA III Kenneth Bradshaw*



LEWIS

Staff at ASPC-Lewis has been impacted greatly with several tragedies over the past weeks, so when the 2009 Christmas Angel Tree program was announced, it is not surprising everyone got together and offered overwhelming support and donations. A recent TSU barbecue raised over \$900, which was used for gifts and necessities needed by their Angel Tree recipients.

With the sudden and unexpected loss of both Correctional Officer Kevin Poulin and the tragic loss of DPS Officer Chris Marano, husband of Correctional Officer Shelly Marano, the Lewis team pulled together and purchased items for these families as well.



SAFFORD

Staff at ASPC-Safford had several projects going for Christmas. They held inmate fund raisers throughout the year on all three units to raise money for Toys for Tots, Mary's Mission, repairing bicycles to be donated, inmate assembled food basket and an Angel Tree for staff children.

Over \$5,000 was raised for Toys for Tots, generated by inmate fundraisers and cash & toys donated by staff. Another \$5,000 was contributed by inmates for Mary's Mission. The Department also partnered with a local Safford civic group, Odd Fellows, to repair 200 bicycles that were delivered to children over the Christmas holidays. Finally, Sharon O'Bannon, with ASPC-Safford's Human Resources Office, organized an Angel Tree Drive for staff's children and this year she had 28 children on the tree.

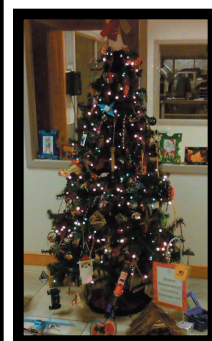
A "Job well done!" goes out to CO III's Mario Pedregon, Judy Pavalcky, Robin Conley & Joshua Branter, the staff in the trenches who made the many fund raisers happen. Also a big "Thank You" also goes out to Karen Hammond, Dolie Moir and Sherrie Morrison, the staff members in the Business Office that process all the documents needed to carry out the fundraisers.



WINSLOW

Each year, ASPC-Winslow donates a tree to the Big Brothers Big Sister's Tree Auction, a yearly fundraiser for the organization and this year was no exception. Inmates on the Coronado Unit made and donated items that were used to decorate the tree, including toys and handmade ornaments. Under the tree were handcrafted items, including toys, picture frames and a nativity scene. The trees are bid on through a silent auction with the highest bidder winning the tree, ornaments and toys.

Also, during the last three Christmas seasons, the ASPC-Winslow/Apache Unit has participated in the TSU Angel Tree program to help some of the staff struggling to have a Christmas for their families. This year CO II Nathan Collins, CO II Lonnie Gilliam, CO II Brandon Penrod, CO II Aaron Salcido, CO II Chance Cain, put together a "Money Tree" in order to provide for families who have had financial difficulties and/or facing major medical issues. The tree has dollar signs in increments of \$5 to \$20 on them and staff selects one the dollar signs and donates that amount, which is then used to purchase gift certificates for the families so they may purchase the necessities for a Merry Christmas.





EYMAN

Ernest "Ernie" Trujillo, who Director Charles L. Ryan recently appointed as Deputy Warden of Operations at Florence has now been promoted to the job of Warden at ASPC-Eyman.

Mr. Trujillo started his correction's career in New Mexico as a Correctional Officer and in 1985, relocated to Arizona where he began as a CO I at ASPC-Tucson, launching a 22-plus year partnership with the Arizona Department of Corrections. During this time he graduated from the Arizona State University Institute for Public Executives and holds certification as a Certified Public Manager through Arizona State University.

Throughout his career, Mr. Trujillo has held all uniformed ranks, from CO through Major and served in all custody levels, including juvenile corrections. His Administrative experience encompasses assignments as ADW through Warden and he has also held the position

Four new wardens named

of Emergency Preparedness Administrator and Security Operations Administrator.

Mr. Trujillo was a member of the "First Team" that designed and implemented the Shock Incarceration Program, a military style boot camp for youthful offenders. He has served as Deputy Warden for the 3 maximum custody units: Central Unit, SMU I and Browning Unit (SMU II). Mr. Trujillo has also functioned on the Tactical Support Unit from line officer through Commander and on the National Law Enforcement & Corrections Technology Council.

His community and church involvement include being a former member of Florence Unified School District Governing Board and currently volunteering at the United Food Bank and St. Vincent De Paul Society. He is an ordained Permanent Deacon serving the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson and holds the position of Associate Vicar for Deacons.

Mr. Trujillo left ADC in 2007 to pursue opportunities in the private sector and says that the two years he spent away from ADC really made him appreciate where he came from. After experiencing both private corrections and private industry, Trujillo says, "I can unequivocally say that I never worked with a more professional, committed group of people than the men and women I served with in ADC. I am proud to have the opportunity to serve with them again."



Ernest Trujillo will be the new Warden of ASPC-Eyman

LEWIS

Director Charles L. Ryan has appointed William R. (Bill) White as the new Warden of ASPC-Lewis after Warden Berry Larsen announced her retirement.

White began his career December 1978 as a Correctional Service Officer at ASPC-Florence, Central Unit. In July, 1984 Mr. White promoted to Sergeant at CB-6 (Kasson Unit) where he served as Disciplinary and Inmate Grievance Coordinator, and Special Services Sergeant. Two months later, he was assigned to the Special Management Unit I, where he researched and wrote Institutional and Post Orders prior to its opening in 1987.

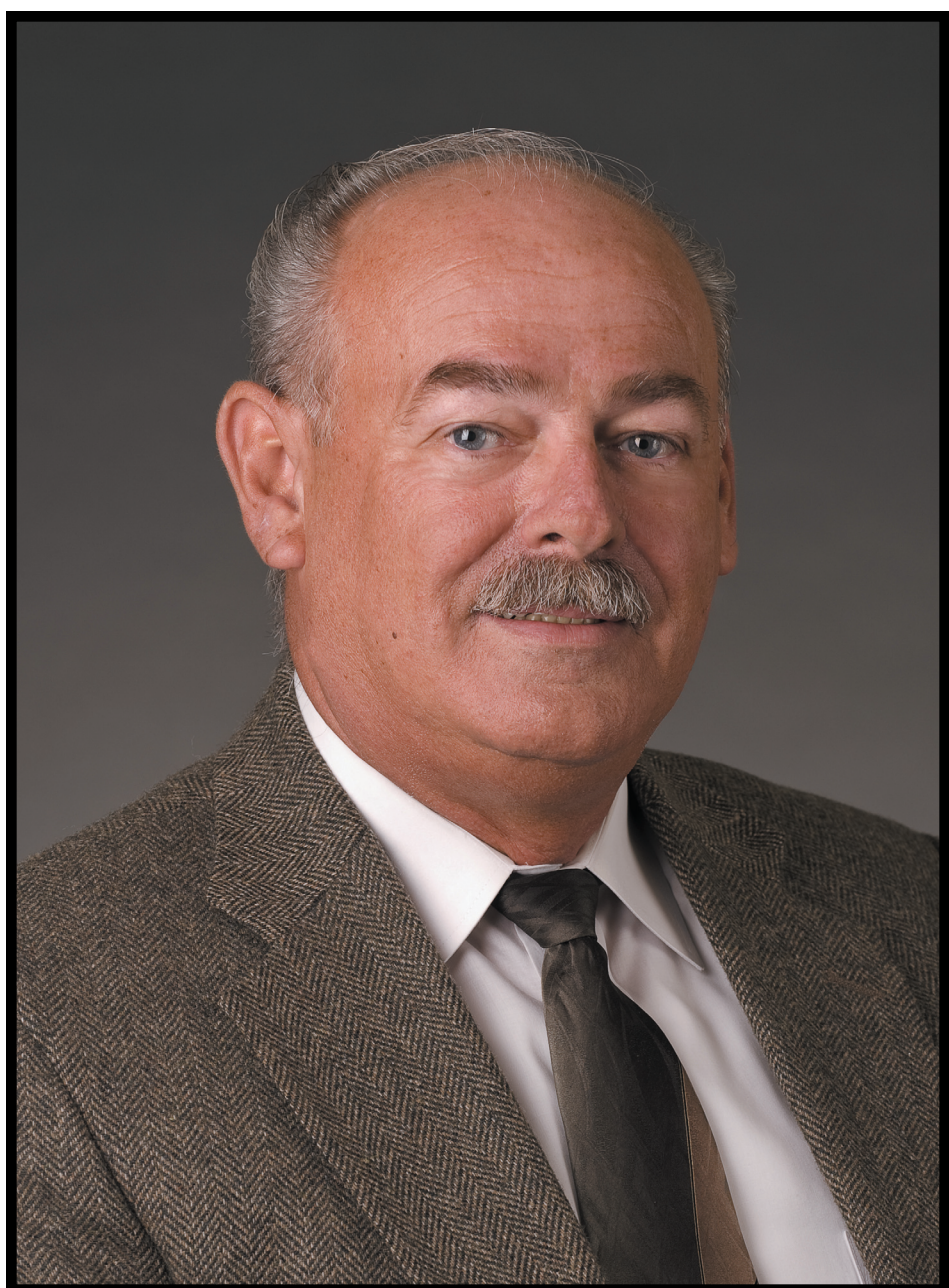
In October 1989, after deciding he needed a change, Mr. White transferred to ASPC-Winslow, where he worked the K-9 unit, Complex Operations and Kiabab Unit as the Disciplinary Sergeant and Complex Intelligence Coordinator.

In July of 1997, Mr. White pro-

moted to Lieutenant and went back to Eyman Complex. In October, 2001, he was transferred to Perryville complex and promoted to Major, which was the first time in DOC history this leap of rank had occurred. In February 2004, Mr. White promoted to ADW at Buckley Unit, ASPC-Lewis, and then was selected as Acting Deputy Warden at the Bachman Unit before his promotion to Deputy Warden at the Barchey Unit.

Mr. White was promoted on March 24, 2007 to Deputy Warden of Operations and was assigned to ASPC-Perryville and then to ASPC-Lewis. On October 4, 2008 Mr. White was appointed as Warden at ASPC-Eyman and January 2010, he will be returning to ASPC-Lewis as their Warden.

During his 30 plus years in corrections, Mr. White has served on many TQM committees to include the State-wide Transportation, Correctional Officer OJT, Institutional Security & Search Equipment Committee's whose recommendations have created the system you see in place today!



William White and his 1978 graduating class and Warden White today. As you can see, he still has the mustache!



PHOENIX

Warden Andrew “Andy” Jackson began his career with the Michigan Department of Corrections in 1976 as a College Trainee working in Programs Classification. During his 30-year career, he rose through the ranks, working as a Resident Unit Manager, Administrative Assistant to the Warden, Assistant Deputy Warden (Housing, Programs, and Custody) and Deputy Warden. The last 14 years with the MDC were spent serving as Warden of two different facilities.

Upon his retirement in 2006, Mr. Jackson became a consultant for the American Correctional Association, conducting compliance audits in several states throughout the country. His move to Arizona began last Feb. after his wife visited a family member living in Phoenix. Mr. Jackson says, “She fell in love with Phoenix and it was her desire to



Warden Andrew “Andy” Jackson takes over as the new Warden of ASPC-Phoenix

relocate here, so I did my best to make that happen.” He says when he saw that there was an opening within the ADC for a new warden, he applied and the rest is

history

Throughout his career, Warden Jackson has promoted excellence and professionalism in the field by valuing integ-

rity, inclusion, excellence and teamwork in the workplace and he will continue that work ethic when he takes over as Warden of ASPC-Phoenix.

WINSLOW

Warden Ernest “Ernie” Garcia began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1990 as a CO I at the ASPC-Florence. In his nineteen years with the agency, he has increasingly sought challenging assignments and educational opportunities that would prove beneficial throughout his career with the ADC.

In 2005, Mr. Garcia was promoted from CO IV to Associate Deputy Warden at the ASPC-Winslow and four years later, was promoted to Correctional Administrator IV, providing supervision and management to a prison complex that employs approximately 590 Administrative, Security and Support Staff and encompasses two minimum custody and one medium custody correctional units, which houses over 2000 inmates

Mr. Garcia takes pride in raising his level of expectations and challenging others to do the same. He believes that part of our responsibility is to provide the opportunity and ability to mentor and afford guidance to staff and create an atmosphere that will be beneficial in the furtherance of their experiences and career development within the Department. To do this Mr. Garcia demonstrates effective management and operation of the facility, along with implementation of systems related to core security practices, staff and inmate management within the correctional environment.

The message Mr. Garcia continuously instills in others is a quote from Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, “If you limit your actions in life to things nobody can find fault with, you will not do much.”



Ernest Garcia has been promoted to the position of the new Warden of ASPC-Winslow



COTA CORNER

The Arizona Department of Corrections congratulates the recent graduates of the Correctional Officer Training Academy. COTA is located on 40 acres in the foothills west of Tucson, with additional classes held at ASPC-Perryville and other locations as necessary and twice a year COTA also hosts a K-9 Academy. COTA provides training for ADC cadets and tenured staff and for county jails and other detention centers around the state. The curriculum encompasses 360 contact hours and the graduating cadets receive 21 Community College credits, which they can then use towards higher-level education degrees. Cadets are trained and assessed in six different areas including academics, physical fitness, firearm qualification, self defense, professional behavior and ethical standards. Following nine weeks of training, graduates are sworn in as Correctional Officers.

COTA Class 853



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Shawn Sanders

Advisor: CO II Harry Flores
Advisor: CO II Jesus Damiano

CLASS ROSTER

Paul D. Aden, Luis O. Bermudez-Gonzalez, Herman G. Chisley, Michael A. Danahy Sr., Fredricka M. Dawes, Drew A. Dunavant, Miguel Duran, Amber F. Gayle, Ric W. Hawkins, Oscar Hernandez, Calvin E. Johnson, Marco A. Leon-Trejo, Michael C. Lopez, Rufino J. Martin, Stephen W. Martin, Robert M. Nabor, Abraham Pacheco Jr., Dawn A. Purkey, Christel J. Robinette, Omar Santana, Lee W. Sweet, Cooper J. Wood.

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism:

Michael A. Danahy, Sr.

Academic Achievers:

Lee W. Sweet - 97.23%
Calvin E. Johnson - 97.05%
Christel J. Robinette - 95.76%

Firearms Expert:

Omar Santana – 245
Calvin E. Johnson – 244
Lee W. Sweet – 241

COTA Class 854



Class Lt.: Fernando Dicochea
Class Sgt.: William Garcia

Advisor: CO II Nathan Nance
Advisor: CO II Bertha Burch

CLASS ROSTER

Maria C. Antolin, Galois Arevalo, Paul Banuelos-Encinas, Robin A. Bragole, Gabriel L. Figueroa, Jeffrey T. Fink, Howard C. Forman, Jonathan W. Henderson, Gerald D. Howard, Spencer A. Jackson, Darrell A. Johnson, John P. Kerley, Kyle T. Knobel, James V. Lagman, Nicholas C. Lee, Krista L. Lo Coco, Mandi A. McCoy, Travis E. Roller, Brian J. Savoie, Jennifer L. Serrano, Ian M. Thompson, Veronica E. Vargas-King.

CLASS AWARDS

Academic Achievers:

Howard C. Forman - 96.68%
Spencer A. Jackson - 95.57%
Jeffrey T. Fink - 95.39%

Firearms Expert:

Gabriel L. Figueroa – 245
Travis E. Roller – 245
Darrell A. Johnson – 240